

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 11, line 10 and ending at line 21 with the following paragraph:

“In accordance to another embodiment of the present invention, the layer 12’ is a shrinkable but non-adhesive layer. Second adhesive layer 80 can be applied to the shrinkable layer 12’ before, during or after the stitching process, and before, during or after the gathering process, as illustrated in Figs. 5-10. Fig. 5 shows second adhesive layer 80 stitch-bonded along with shrinkable layer 12’. The adhesive layer itself can be shrinkable and shrinks along with shrinkable layer 12’ as it gathers, as shown in Fig. 6. It may also be non-shrinkable or less shrinkable than layer 12’, and forms loops 82 after shrinkable layer 12’ gathers, as shown in Fig. 7. Alternatively, shrinkable layer 12’ can be laminated or embossed onto composite 10 after it has been gathered. Alternatively, the shrinkable or non-shrinkable adhesive can be applied to shrinkable layer 12’ before it gathers, and melts into the shrinkable layer when shrinkable layer 12’ is heated to gather. Adhesive can be sprayed or pasted on the back surface of the composite after the composite has been stitch-bonded and gathered as shown in Figs. 8-10.”

Amendments to the Figures:

Please replace Figs. 1-10 as filed originally for Figs. 1-10 in the attached replacement sheets.